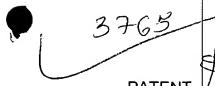
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Application No.: 10/085,066

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For: UTILISATION OF A WARP KNITTING

MACHINE FOR THE

MANUFACTURING OF OPEN OR CLOSED TUBES FOR PROTECTING CABLES, CONDUITS AND THE LIKE,

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